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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2001-139955, which published on May 22, 2001, together with an English language abstract thereof.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above document. A copy of the above-noted document, along with the abstract, is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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